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SUBJECT: BRITISH QUERIES REGARDING USG ATTITUDE ON
CYPRUS QUESTIONS

1. IN MEETING MAY 28 FCO SOUTH EUROPEAN DEPARTMENT
HEAD GOODISON RAISED TWO ISSUES ON WHICH HE WOULD AP-
PRECiate DEPARTMENT'S COMMENT. ONE IS NOISES THAT
DENKTASH PERSONALLY AND OTHERS ON TURKISH SIDE HAVE
BEEN MAKING TO BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION IN RECENT PAST
IMPLYING THAT JUNE 5 MAY NOT BE THE TIME TO RESUME
DENKTASH/CLERIDES TALKS IN VIENNA SINCE THERE WILL BE NO
RECOMMENDATION FROM COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT POWERS BY THAT TIME. GOODISON ASKED US TO
CONVEY TO DEPARTMENT HIS PERSONAL BELIEF THAT HMG SHOULD
NOT SEEK TO INTERVENE IN THIS MATTER IN ANY WAY. HE IS
NOT SURE THERE IS ANY ADVANTAGE IN DRAGGING THE PARTIES
TO VIENNA IF THEY SIMPLY SIT AND GLARE AT EACH OTHER
THERE. ON OTHER HAND, HE READILY ADMITTED LARGE PART OF
GREEK CYPRIOT PURPOSE IN HAVING THESE MEETINGS AT ALL IS
TO KEEP TURKS ENGAGED IN PEACE-MAKING TALKS NO MATTER
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HOW LITTLE OF SUBSTANCE MAY ACTUALLY RESULT.

2. GOODISON ALSO NOTED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER CHRISTOPHIDES HAS BEEN NAGGING BRITISH HIGH COMMISSION ON WHAT CHRISTOPHIDES DESCRIBES AS PARTICULARLY FRIENDLY ATTITUDE BRITISH ARE DEMONSTRATING TOWARDS TURKISH FEDERATED STATE, WHICH CAGLAYANGIL SAYS IS IN ADVANCE OF THAT BEING DEMONSTRATED BY OTHER NATIONS. AMONG SPECIFICS CHRISTOPHIDES MENTIONS IS ACCEPTANCE BY UK POSTAL AUTHORITIES OF CYPRIOT STAMPS WHICH HAVE BEEN MARKED "TFSC" BY THE TURKISH CYPRIOT AUTHORITIES. BRITISH HAVE BEEN DOING THIS AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, WITHOUT GIVING ANY THOUGHT TO PROBLEM INVOLVED. THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING WHETHER US POSTAL AUTHORITIES HAVE SIMILARLY BEEN ACCEPTING LETTERS WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT STAMPS IN SAME WAY OR WHETHER THEY HAVE SOUGHT TO COLLECT POSTAL CHARGES FROM RECIPIENTS IN THE US.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S REPLIES TO ABOVE QUESTIONS.

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